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Westhoff et al.

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**Appeal No.:** 2005-2519

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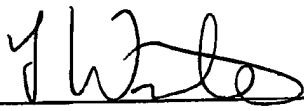
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Respectfully submitted,

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A review of the file indicates that the following documents have been filed by appellant:

Appeal Brief filed on: January 23, 2003  
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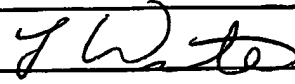
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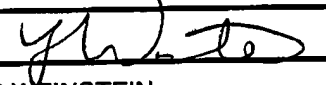
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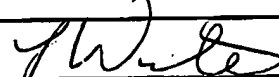
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